



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 19**

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House Joint Resolution No. 13

*House of Representatives, March 20, 2018*

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. FOX of the 148th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the joint resolution ought to be adopted.

## **RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE NINETEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONNECTICUT-TAIWAN SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 WHEREAS, the state of Connecticut and the Republic of China  
2 (Taiwan) have enjoyed a long history of friendship and have  
3 maintained a fruitful sister-state relationship encompassing cultural,  
4 educational and economic exchanges for many years; and

5 WHEREAS, the state of Connecticut exported 138 million dollars'  
6 worth of products to Taiwan in 2016, making Taiwan one of the major  
7 foreign markets for Connecticut, and establishing a robust bilateral  
8 trade relationship as well as fostering a continued collaboration  
9 between their respective industries; and

10 WHEREAS, as a full-fledged democracy and robust free-market  
11 economy, Taiwan shares with the United States the principles and  
12 values that provide a strong foundation for mutually beneficial  
13 relations; and

14 WHEREAS, Taiwan's inclusion in the United States Visa Waiver

15 Program and Global Entry, and the reciprocal travel facilitation  
16 enjoyed by United States citizens when visiting Taiwan, allows Taiwan  
17 and the United States, including the sister-state of Connecticut, to  
18 develop closer relations and to witness rapid growth in all areas of  
19 bilateral development; and

20 WHEREAS, the United States has assisted Taiwan in participating  
21 in the World Health Assembly (WHA) as an observer in 2009, and will  
22 continue supporting Taiwan's participation in other international  
23 organizations such as the International Civil Aviation Organization  
24 (ICAO) and the International Criminal Police Organization  
25 (INTERPOL); and

26 WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan share a long-term and  
27 close economic relationship, including 65.4 billion dollars in bilateral  
28 trade in 2016, making Taiwan the tenth largest trading partner of the  
29 United States; and

30 WHEREAS, in order to strengthen the bilateral trade relations with  
31 the United States, the government of the Republic of China (Taiwan)  
32 has expressed its wish to sign a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) with  
33 the United States in the near future.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut  
35 General Assembly pause in its deliberations to recognize the  
36 nineteenth anniversary of the Connecticut-Taiwan Sister-State  
37 Relationship, and reiterate its support of a closer economic and trade  
38 partnership between the United States and the Republic of China  
39 (Taiwan); and

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerks of the Senate and  
41 House of Representatives cause a copy of this resolution to be sent to  
42 President Tsai Ing-wen of the Republic of China (Taiwan) through the  
43 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York.

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable*

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### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

#### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 18 \$
Legislative Mgmt.	GF - Cost	15

Note: GF=General Fund

***Municipal Impact:*** None

#### ***Explanation***

The would be a cost of approximately \$15 in FY 18 for the Office of Legislative Management (OLM) to print and mail copies of this resolution to President Tsai Ing-wen of the Republic of China (Taiwan) through the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York.

#### ***The Out Years***

As this is a one-time expenditure, there would be no future costs.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Resolutions.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

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